

Unfortunately for Mr. Koorsen, his alleged inability to obtain the relief he seeks in state court does not create a federal cause of action for this Court to address. “When a court finds that it lacks jurisdiction, it is improper for it to proceed to the merits of the issue.” *United States v. Rachuy*, 743 F.3d 205, 211 (7th Cir. 2014). “Jurisdiction is the power to declare the law, and when it ceases to exist, the only function remaining to the court is that of announcing the fact and dismissing the cause.” *Steele Co. v. Citizens for a Better Environment*, 523 U.S. 83, 94 (1998) (internal quotation omitted).

That is the case here. This Court lacks jurisdiction to decide the claims presented and final judgment dismissing this civil action shall now issue.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tanya Walton Pratt", written over a horizontal line.

TANYA WALTON PRATT, JUDGE
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Southern District of Indiana